

Montana Medicaid Claim Jumper

2004 Spring Provider Fair

Registration materials inside!

Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Note

When billing for hospital outpatient services reimbursed under the ambulatory payment classification (APC) method, the 636 revenue code should be used only for billing the actual drug being administered. The administration fee should be billed under a different revenue code. Revenue code 636 requires a specific HCPCS drug or vaccine code, or the line will be denied.

Pharmacy Limits And Preauthorization

Over the last couple years, there have been many changes in the Montana Medicaid program, including prescriptions. Recently, the physician and physician-related services section of the provider information website (www.mt.medicaid.org) has been updated to include the Pharmacy Manual. This was done to make such information more accessible and to serve as a reminder that prescriptions may not get filled if they exceed the set limitations or are not prior authorized as required. This update will also help providers be knowledgeable regarding the over-the-counter drugs that are covered. For example, effective January 1, 2004, Loratadine is covered OTC.

Attn: Optometric Providers

Beginning January 1, 2004, providers should use 92370 when billing for minor repairs for Medicaid eyeglasses. Procedure 92370 replaces V2030 which has been used in the past for actual cost of parts and minor repairs. The fee remains the same, being a maximum of \$15.49 per client, reimbursed per 12-month period.



WINASAP2003 Notes

- ▶ On an institutional claim, to bill for services that do not require a procedure (HCPCS) code, be sure to leave the "Service Qual" field blank. If you enter "HCPCS" in this field, WINASAP will not allow the claim file to be saved without entering a procedure code.
- ▶ WINASAP billers are advised to keep their claim list as small as possible. HIPAA-compliant claims are much larger than NSF (ACES) electronic claims. Claims that have processed should be deleted or purged/archived on a regular basis. Maintaining an excessive number of stored claims can cause noticeable performance problems with WINASAP, i.e., slowing, etc.
- ▶ Please ensure that you are using the most current version of the WINASAP2003 software. The most recent version is 4.05. Providers should occasionally check the EDI website at www.acs-gcro.com to see if they are running the latest version. Updating your WINASAP software is easy and only takes a few minutes. Providers can check to see what version they are running by going to the "Help" pull-down menu and selecting "About."

Delayed Payments Due To System Upgrade

Last month, a scheduled major upgrade to SABHRS, the State's main financial computer system, resulted in payment delays for DPHHS providers.

Provider payments mailed or direct-deposited the week of March 22, 2004 were delayed by two days.

Electronic funds transfers (direct deposits) made on March 15 and March 19 for providers who receive weekly payments were not affected.



DPHHS Provider Fair

April 27 & 28, 2004
Great Northern Hotel & Convention Center
Helena, Montana

See insert in this issue for registration form and further information. Registration information is also available at www.mtmedicaid.org. Registration deadline is April 9, 2004.

Still Billing On Paper?

Whether you submit one claim a month, or hundreds, any provider can benefit from switching from paper to electronic billing. Whether by using the free WINASAP2003 software or by using a clearinghouse to submit claims, electronic billing is faster, more accurate, and more secure. Electronic claims can be processed for payment in as little as a week versus three to four weeks to process a paper claim. All you need is a personal computer (Windows 98 and above) and a standard phone line to submit electronically via WINASAP2003.

Providers can download the WINASAP software and enrollment information at www.acs-gcro.com or by calling the EDI Support Unit at (800) 987-6719. ACS provides WINASAP training by phone, on-site at your location, or in hands-on classes offered at the DPHHS Provider Fair on April 27 & 28, 2004 in Helena.

Parking At The Fair

Those attending the Provider Fair should be aware that parking in the immediate vicinity of the Great Northern Hotel & Convention Center is limited. However, there is plenty of parking in the garage located just a block and a half from the convention center at 14th St. & Getchell St. (on the southwest corner of the Great Northern Town Center). Providers are advised to park there while attending the fair. In addition, trolley bus service is available between the Great Northern Town Center and the Downtown Walking Mall for those wishing to explore Helena during their visit.

PASSPORT Newsletter

The latest issue of the PASSPORT To Health newsletter is available on the Provider Information website at www.mtmedicaid.org.

Nurse First Advice Line And Nurse First Disease Management Program

For more information on these programs, please contact Tedd Weldon at (406) 444-1518.

Recent Publications

The following are brief summaries of publications regarding recent program policy changes. For details and further instructions, download the complete notice from the Provider Information website at www.mtmedicaid.org. Select "Resources by Provider Type" for a list of resources specific to your provider type. If you cannot access the information, contact provider relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 in Helena or out-of-state.

Notices

<i>Date</i>	<i>Provider Type(s)</i>	<i>Description</i>
02/26/04	School-based Provider	Billing For CSCT Services
02/25/04	Optometrist, Eyeglasses	New Code For Minor Repairs
02/20/04	Inpatient Hospital, Outpatient Hospital	Mass Adjustments

Fee Schedules

<i>Date</i>	<i>Provider Type(s)</i>	<i>Description</i>
02/11/04	Nursing Home	New Fee Schedule
02/11/04	Mid-level Practitioner	New Fee Schedule

Other Resources

<i>Date</i>	<i>Provider Type(s)</i>	<i>Description</i>
02/26/04	All Providers	PASSPORT To Health Newsletter

Your Information Source

For the latest Medicaid news, visit the Provider Information website at www.mtmedicaid.org. All provider manuals, updates, notices, fee schedules, links, and other useful documents are available for reference and/or download at the site.

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ACS EDI Gateway Website <http://www.acs-gcro.com>

ACS EDI Help Desk (800) 987-6719

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(406) 442-1837 (Helena & out-of-state)
(406) 442-4402 fax

TPL (800) 624-3958 (in Montana)
(406) 443-1365 (Helena & out-of-state)

Direct Deposit Arrangements (406) 444-5283

Verify Client Eligibility

FAXBACK (800) 714-0075

Automated Voice Response (AVR) (800) 714-0060

Point-of-sale Help Desk for Pharmacy Claims (800) 365-4944

PASSPORT (800) 624-3958

Prior Authorization

DMEOPS (406) 444-0190

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health Foundation (800) 262-1545

First Health (800) 770-3084

Transportation (800) 292-7114

Prescriptions (800) 395-7961

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